# jenny everywhere in soulless mate

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ACTUALLY, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THE METAL BARS ARE MAGIC AND BINDING.
DON'T WORRY, DAVID, I CAN SHIFT US OUT OF HERE.
WHAT A HORRIBLE FIRST DATE. WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT MAKING IT TO THE SHOW AND I CAN PRETTY MUCH FORGET ABOUT SEX, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE'RE IN HEAVEN! WE'RE MINGLING WITH GODS!
AND IF WE'RE HERE FOR LONG ENOUGH, I'LL MAKE YOU MY CELESTIAL PRISON BITCH. NOW STOP WHINING.
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT HERE. HMM, LOOKS LIKE INCOMPLETE EASTERN KNOWLEDGE SCRIBBLED DOWN BY AN UTTER PSYCHOTIC. IN BLOOD, NO LESS!
STILL, IT WAS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO GET YOU HERE, SO I SHOULD DESTROY IT.
WAIT! WHY NOT LET US USE IT TO GET HOME?
QUIET DOWN, BIRDIES.
YOU KNOW, FROM IN HERE IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE ONE IN THE CAGE.
OH, YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE CUP-HALF-FULL PEOPLE, AREN'T YOU? FIGURES.
I THINK YOU WANT TO KEEP US HERE 'CAUSE YOU LIKE THE COMPANY. YOU'RE EXTREMELY BORED, AREN'T YOU?
IF HE'S SO DESPERATE FOR ATTENTION, WHY NOT JUST IGNORE HIM?
I KNOW, CHRIST, IT'S LIKE JENNY AND THE BLOODY BEANSTALK.
OR JENNY AND THE GIANT PEACH... EXCEPT WITHOUT AN ACTUAL PEACH, YOU KNOW.

AT LEAST THIS'LL MAKE A GREAT STORY TO TELL OUR KIDS.
WHOA! AREN'T WE GETTING AHEAD OF OURSELVES, EMO BOY?
DON'T YOU TWO EVER SHUT UP?
DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING? I THOUGHT I HEARD A BOOMING VOICE.
NAH, IT WAS PROBABLY NOTHING.
DO YOU THINK YOU'RE CLEVER?
THE GREAT AND POWERFUL JENNY EVERYWHERE, ADVENTURER OF THE MULTIVERSE?
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A DELUSIONAL CHILD WHO'S SUFFERED A HORRIBLE CAR ACCIDENT, AND IS LIVING OUT THE LAST DAYS OF LIFE IN THESE FRACTURED FANTASIES!
IF THAT'S TRUE THEN YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A FIGMENT OF MY IMAGINATION! ALL OF THIS IS IN MY HEAD, AND SO, I AM GOD, BITCH!!!
DISRESPECTFUL THING, THIS LOFTY PLACE HAS GONE TO YOUR HEAD.
ENJOY THE TWISTED PLEASURES OF A DISEASED AND DENSE DIMENSION!

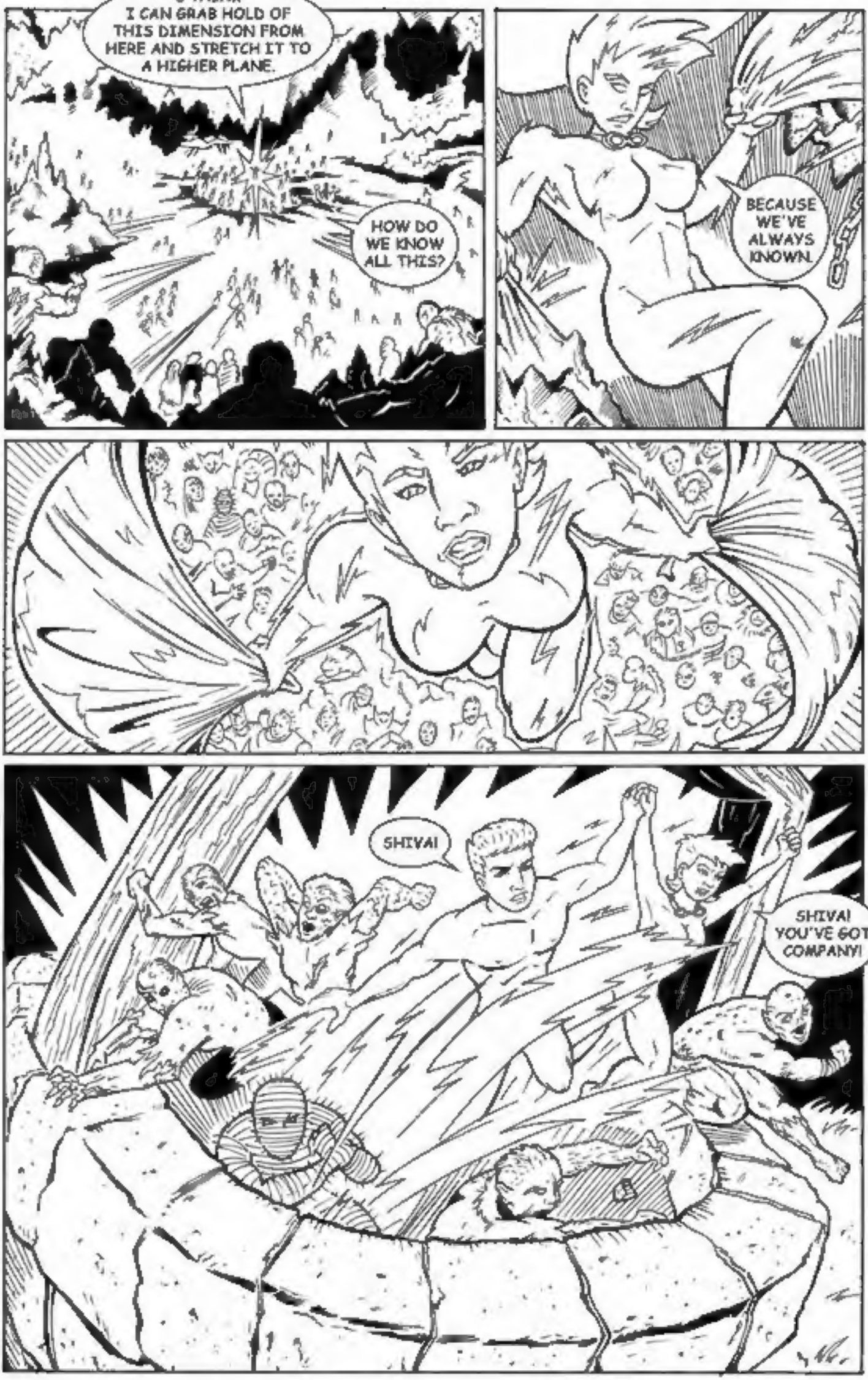
AAAHHH!!!
OH SHIT!
AH DAMN, THIS IS HELL! IT'S GOTTA BE!
IT SMELLS LIKE ROTTING FLESH! I THINK I'M GOING TO VOMIT!
IT'S SO QUIET.
MAYBE SINCE, YOU KNOW, THIS REALITY IS SO DENSE NOTHING EVER DEVELOPED?
WE'RE ALONE.
I HOPE SO.
FUCK!

OH GOD, NO!!
LOOK AT IT!
DAVID, HANG ON. I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
DON'T FREAK OUT!
JENNY, IT'S GOING TO TOUCH ME WITH THOSE THINGS!
JENNY, HELP!

DAVID, LISTEN...
I'VE BEEN THROUGH ALOT OF SHIT IN COUNTLESS UNIVERSES AND I'VE LEARNED THIS ONE THING.
DAVID, ARE YOU LISTENING? DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I'VE LEARNED?
"IT'S THAT IT'S FUCKING EASY TO BE ALL ZEN AND COOL WHEN YOU'RE SAFE AND IN CHARGE OF A SITUATION. WHEN YOU'RE FREE!
"IT'S WHEN YOU'RE RESTRAINED AND ENSLAVED AND TORTURED, WHEN IT'S COMPLETELY AND UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE...
"THAT'S WHEN YOU HAVE TO SHINE!"

JENNY, I THINK I'VE JUST BECOME ZEN.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
JENNY, WE COME FROM A LIGHTER UNIVERSE.
OUR MOLECULES ARE VIBRATING FASTER.
OUR ELECTRONS ARE SPINNING MUCH MORE RAPIDLY THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS REALITY.
IN THIS UNIVERSE, WE'RE ELECTRIC.

THEY'RE AFRAID OF US.
OUR TOUCH HURTS THEM.
PEOPLE OF THIS DAMAGED PLANE, WE ARE JENNYDAVID. PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR TRAVEL.
WE'RE GOING TO EVACUATE HELL.


I THINK I CAN GRAB HOLD OF THIS DIMENSION FROM HERE AND STRETCH IT TO A HIGHER PLANE.
HOW DO WE KNOW ALL THIS?
BECAUSE WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN.
SHIVA!
SHIVA! YOU'VE GOT COMPANY!

I'M IMPRESSED, JENNY.
YOU MANAGED TO RETRIEVE YOUR FRIEND'S LOST SOUL, LIBERATE AN OBSCURE, COLLAPSED UNIVERSE, AND RESTORE MEANING TO MY LIFE. I AM ONCE AGAIN A SHEPHERD OF SOULS.
YOU MEAN YOU WANTED ALL OF THIS?
YES, OF COURSE.
BASTARD! THEN WHY ALL THE SHIT WITH THE CAGE?
BECAUSE YOU WERE RIGHT. I WAS BORED AND YOUR BRAVADO AMUSED ME.
AND WHY THE FUCK DIDN'T YOU GO DOWN TO GET THEM YOURSELF?
I'M A GOD. YOU SAW WHAT YOUR MERE HUMAN PRESENCE BECAME DOWN THERE. IMAGINE WHAT MY DIVINE MATERIAL WOULD DO TO THAT BROKEN REALM. I'D HAVE ANNIHILATED THE VERY PEOPLE I WAS TRYING TO SAVE.
HERE'S YOUR PLASMANOMICON.
THANKS.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ITS WORTH AS A MAGICAL TOME, BUT IT WAS HUGELY ENTERTAINING AS A PIECE OF FICTION.
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR DATE NOW?
IT WAS BRILLIANT!
FUCK THE WHITE STRIPES! THAT KISS WAS MAGNIFICENT!
MAGNIFICENT?
WE HAVEN'T EVEN GONE TO BED YET!

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